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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
**SUBJECT :** Personnel Reductions  
**REFERENCE :** Memorandum from Executive Director--  
Comptroller to each Deputy Director,  
dtd 26 November 1969; Subject: Same

1. In response to your request for comments on the referenced memorandum the following is submitted. As I have already made a response in regard to the Idealist program, these remarks concern only the security and communication activities of the Office of Special Activities.

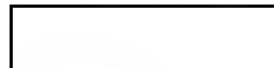
Security - Staffing requirements are primarily keyed to a large volume of industrial contracting channeled through OSA and the operational mission responsibilities (deployments); testing of classified systems [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Until such time as the variety and volume of industrial contracting has been substantially reduced and the operational charter responsibilities of OSA further limited, the current Security staffing is the minimum authorization necessary to ensure compliance with [REDACTED] security standards.

Communications - OSA Communications Division provides specific project as well as overall [REDACTED] Network support to all DD/S&T activities. Current project support requirements do not permit further ceiling reduction at this time. Reductions will become possible if there are subsequent and substantial downward trends in the level of DD/S&T programs.

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